

From the Book "Conversations with God"
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Hello

You are about to have a conversation with god.

With god?

Most people would be like "yeah, right." I mean we can talk to god, but it doesn't mean that god is going to talk back to us. Well.... that's what I thought too, until I read this book.

This book is called conversations with God, and it has changed my life forever. I am now and forever happy because I have found the meaning of life, I have found myself, and I have found god. I am not trying to convert any one to any religion. It doesn't matter what religion you are in. But if you are willing to listen, you just might find the same happiness and love I have found.

So I will recite this book to you, if you want to spent time with me. If this material can ease your pain, I will read it a million times.

There have been a lot of questions over who God is, who I am. I have heard the crying of your heart. I have seen the searching of your soul. I know how deeply you have desired the truth. Unendingly, you have beseeched me. Show my self. Explain myself. Reveal myself. My friends, I am here to answer you questions. I am here to tell you that I was there the whole time, with you. I am here to say that I have not and will never abandon you.

One of the first questions I want to answer is "If god is with me all these time, how come god doesn't talk to me?"

But my child, I am constantly talking to you.

But first, let's exchange the word talk with the word *communicate*. It's much better word, a much fuller, more accurate one. When we try to speak to each other-Me to you, you to Me, we are immediately constricted by the unbelievable limitation of words. For this reason, I do not communicate by words alone. In fact, rarely do I do so. My most common form of communication is through *feelings*.

Feeling is the language of the soul.

If you want to know what's true for you about something, look to how you're feeling about it. Feelings are sometimes difficult to discover-and often even more difficult to acknowledge. Yet hidden in your deepest feelings is your highest truth.

The trick is to get to those feelings. I will show you how if you wish.

I also communicate with thought. Thought and feelings are not the same, although they can occur at the same time. In communicating with thought, I often use images and pictures. For this reason, thoughts are more effective than mere words as tools of communication.

In addition to feelings and thoughts, I also use the vehicle of *experience* as a grand communicator.

And finally, when feelings and thoughts and experience all fail, I use words. Words are really the least effective communicator. They are most open to misinterpretation, most often misunderstood.

And why is that? It is because of what words are. Words are merely utterances: noises that stand for feelings, thoughts, and experiences. They are symbols, signs, insignias. They are not Truth. They are not the real thing.

Words may help you understand something. Experience allows you to know. Yet there are some things you cannot experience. So I have given you other tools of knowing. And these are called feelings. And so too, thoughts.

Now the supreme irony here is that you have all placed so much importance on the Word of God, and so little on the experience.

In fact, you place so little value on experience that when what you experience of God differs from what you've heard of God, you automatically discard the experience and own the words, when it should be just the other way around.

Your experience and your feelings about a thing represent what you factually and intuitively know about that thing. Words can only seek to symbolize what you know, and can often confuse what you know.

These, then, are the tools, with which I communicate, yet they are not the methods, for not all feelings, not all thoughts, not all experience, and not all words are from me directly.

I said directly because everything came from me. I have created you and you have chosen to create many things. Many of them are harmful to you, and to others. Many words have been uttered by others, in my name. Many thoughts and many feelings have been sponsored by causes not of my direct creation.

The challenge is one of the discernment. The difficulty is knowing the difference between messages from God directly and data from other sources. Discrimination is a simple matter with the application of a basic rule:

Mine is always your *highest thought*, your *clearest word*, your *grandest feeling*, anything less is from another source.

Now the task of differentiation becomes easy, for it should not be difficult even for the beginning student to identify the highest, the clearest, and the grandest.

Yet will I give you these guidelines:

The highest thought is always that thought which contains joy. The clearest words are those words which contain truth. The grandest feeling is the feeling which you call love.

Joy
Truth
Love

These three are interchangeable, and one always leads to the other. It matters not in which order they are placed. Listen for them, seek them in your heart, and live in them. If you search earnestly, you will find my voice. I promise you.